WEW ADMINISTRATIORS

NEW ADMINISTRATIORS

NEW ADMINISTRATIORS

LOTS OF IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO AVOID DATA JAIL

- What is EASIER?
- Dates of Collections
- Where to find information
- Connections of EASIER data to other collections
- Considerations to manage your own team

WHAT IS EASIER?

EASIER (Electronic Access System for Iowa Education Records) is the Iowa Department of Education's initiative involving the transfer of individual student records. The mission of the project is to reduce data burden, encourage better decision-making by establishing and maintaining a cost effective method of accessing and transferring accurate and timely education information among school districts, postsecondary institutions and the Iowa Department of Education.

Underlying principles of the project include a commitment toward reduction of paper-based state reporting, building on existing technologies available to schools, a commitment toward the elimination of paper-based college transcripts, the adoption of a common basis for facilitating meaningful information exchange, and greater security of confidential student information.

EASIER HISTORY

- Initial districts began in 1997 or 1998 as a way to populate the student-level BEDS reports
- Started in Fall 2004, with the beginning of all public K 12 students having state IDs. (standardized the file layouts for all SISs to follow, creation of Iowa's EASIER Dictionary)
- Career and Technical Education application Spring 2005
- Main focus in fulfilling state and federal data reporting needs.
- Certified Enrollment was added to the EASIER reporting in Fall 2009
- Foster Care Claim for regular education Summer 2010
- Supplementary Weighting began Spring 2011
- AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) calculation for participation and Full Academic Year (FAY) piloted in Spring 2011
- Complete student-level Supplementary Weighting Fall 2011
- Adding nonpublic schools Fall 2011

WHERE THE DATA GO

- BEDS count (students in attendance) Fall
- Certified Enrollment (funding for next year) Fall
- 9-12 Course Accreditation (Chapter 12 Iowa Administrative Code) Winter
- CTE application Winter
- Graduation Rates Spring
- Dropouts Spring 2011 and Fall 2011
- AYP Spring 2011 and Spring 2012
- Certified Supplementary Weighting Spring 2011 and Fall 2011
- Regular Ed Foster Care Claim Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

WHAT ELSE?

- ACT scores (no longer required in EASIER) Annual Progress Report
- Count of At-risk and Funded by Modified Allowable Growth Modified Allowable Growth and Dropout Prevention report (December)
- SBRC request to spend additional dollars for ELL students beyond 4 years of funding
- Data is loaded into EdInsight DE's data warehouse
- Reports will be available Spring 2012 to assist with Civil Rights data collection requirement
- 4- and 5- year Graduation Rates
- Dropout Rates

WHEN DOES THIS HAPPEN?

- Check calendar inside front cover of the EASIER data dictionary.
- Check DE Calendar
- Eventually, check the portal calendar

WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION

- DE website (<u>www.educateiowa.gov</u>)
 - 1.DE calendar
 - 2.Grimes Directory
 - 3. Search function
- Contact information is listed on the bottom of every application
- School Leader Update
- Sign up on the EASIER Contacts application

MANAGING YOUR OWN TEAM

- Find your data geeks and use them
- Send your people to training
- Develop teams within your buildings
 - 1. Who owns what collections/data elements
 - 2. Who enters the information
 - 3. Who verifies the counts
 - 4. Building-level verifications
 - 5. District-level verifications
- Know how your Student Information System works
- Finish early and not late School Board members ask about timeliness of reporting.

WHAT'S LEFT TO DO

- SIF (Schools Interoperability Framework) change the way data is sent to the state
- Transcripts Iowa Transcript Center
- Iowa Education Portal eventually will replace EDINFO, <u>www.edinfo.state.ia.us</u>
 - 1.Login ID for A&A account and a password
 - 2. Collaboration SharePoint site
 - 3.One-stop shop for DE secure applications, including EdInsight

FOR A LOOK AT THE EASIER APPLICATION